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SUBJECT: GVN DESIRE TO BROADEN CONTACTS IN LATIN AMERICA

1. ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS LE QUAN GIANG (NO 2 IN FOREIGN MINISTRY) HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON A PROFESSOR RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION, HEADQUARTERED AT 132 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, GUADALAZARA. DURING RECENT SAIGON CONFERENCE OF ASIAN PEOPLE'S ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE, RODRIGUEZ TOLD GIANG THAT HE AND HIS ORGANIZATION COULD HELP GVN NOT ONLY IN MEXICO BUT IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS WELL.

2. MFA HAS ALREADY SENT RODRIGUEZ SOME DOCUMENTS BUT WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION BEFORE BECOMING CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH HIM. GIANG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW INFLUENTIAL PROFESSOR RODRIGUEZ MIGHT BE, AND WHETHER HE IS ON GOOD TERMS WITH HIS OWN GOVERNMENT OR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE OPPOSITION.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN GOM'S STAND-OFFISH ATTITUDE TOWARD OFFICIAL GVN APPROACHES, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT GVN DESIRES TO DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL CONTACTS IF FEASIBLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE FOR DISCREET USE WITH MFA ON QUESTION OF WHETHER PROFESSOR RODRIGUEZ AND HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE MEANS TO FURTHER GVN CAUSE IN
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